

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 58th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON TAXATION**

**Call to Order:** By **CHAIRMAN DANIEL FUCHS**, on January 10, 2003 at 8 A.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Daniel Fuchs, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ronald Devlin, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Ron Erickson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Joan Andersen (R)  
Rep. Joe Balyeat (R)  
Rep. Gary Branae (D)  
Rep. Eileen J. Carney (D)  
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)  
Rep. Larry Cyr (D)  
Rep. Gary Forrester (D)  
Rep. Kim Gillan (D)  
Rep. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Rep. Bob Lake (R)  
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)  
Rep. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Rep. Jim Peterson (R)  
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)  
Rep. Karl Waitschies (R)

**Members Excused:** None.

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary  
Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch

**Please Note:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. A videotaped recording of the meeting is available from the Montana Historical Society.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 106, 1/3/2003  
Executive Action: None.

**Sponsor:** Rep. Erickson, HB 106, MISSOULA

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

8:01 a.m. Rep. Erickson

**EXHIBIT** (tah05a01)

**Opponents:** None.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

8:08 a.m. Charlena Toro, Attorney, Department of Revenue (DR)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

8:18 a.m. Rep. Forrester

8:19 a.m. Kurt Alme, Director, Department of Revenue

8:19 a.m. Rep. Forrester

8:19 a.m. Charlena Toro

8:20 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

8:21 a.m. Kurt Alme

8:22 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

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8:23 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

8:24 a.m. Kurt Alme

8:24 a.m. Rep. Lambert

8:25 a.m. Kurt Alme

8:26 a.m. Rep. Lambert

8:26 a.m. Kurt Alme

8:28 a.m. Rep. Lambert

8:28 a.m. Kurt Alme

8:29 a.m. Rep. Ross

8:29 a.m. Kurt Alme

8:30 a.m. Jeff Martin

**Closing by Sponsor:**

8:32 a.m. Rep. Erickson

**HEARING ON HB 207**

**Sponsor:** REP. LASLOVICH, HD 57, ANACONDA

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

8:34 a.m. Rep. Laslovich

**Opponents:** None.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

8:37 a.m. Doreen Cooney, Department of Revenue

8:44 a.m. Harold Blattie, Associate Director of the Montana  
Association of Counties

8:47 a.m. Mary Whittinghill, Montana Taxpayers Association

**Opponents' Testimony:** None.

**Informational Testimony**

8:49 a.m. Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

8:53 a.m. Rep. Balyeat

8:53 a.m. Kurt Alme

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8:54 a.m. **Alec Hanson**

8:57 a.m. **Rep. Balyeat**

8:57 a.m. **Doreen Cooney**

8:58 a.m. **Rep. Balyeat**

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8:59 a.m. **Rep. Erickson**

9:00 a.m. **Rep. Lake**

9:00 a.m. **Alec Hanson**

9:01 a.m. **Rep. Lake**

9:01 a.m. **Alec Hanson**

9:02 a.m. **Rep. Devlin**

9:02 a.m. **Harold Blattie**

**Closing by Sponsor:**

9:05 a.m. **Rep. Laslovich**

9:07 a.m. **Terry Johnson, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)**

**EXHIBIT**(tah05a02)

**EXHIBIT**(tah05a03)

9:21 a.m. **Rep. Gillan**

9:21 a.m. **Terry Johnson**

9:22 a.m. **Rep. Lambert**

9:22 a.m. **Terry Johnson**

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9:26 a.m. **Rep. Devlin**  
9:26 a.m. **Terry Johnson**  
9:27 a.m. **Rep. Lake**  
9:27 a.m. **Terry Johnson**  
9:34 a.m. **Rep. Peterson**  
9:34 a.m. **Terry Johnson**  
9:36 a.m. **Rep. Erickson**  
9:37 a.m. **Terry Johnson**  
9:40 a.m. **Rep. Erickson**  
9:40 a.m. **Terry Johnson**  
9:41 a.m. **Rep. Peterson**  
9:42 a.m. **Rep. Devlin**  
9:42 a.m. **Rep. Lambert**  
9:42 a.m. **Terry Johnson**  
9:43 a.m. **Rep. Lambert**  
9:44 a.m. **Terry Johnson**  
9:46 a.m. **Curt Nichols, Department of Revenue**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 10:05 A.M.

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REP. DANIEL FUCHS, Chairman

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KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT** (tah05aad)